

Applicants submit that the elected claims 1-11 and 18-35 are in condition for allowance and thus, Applicants respectfully request examination of these claims.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol A. Marmo".

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